8.4.3 DPSUs/OFB may also consider investment in upgradation of specific technologies as needed for their niche production coupled with operational control, if desired.

8.4.4 The items and work identified may be put on a 'Rate Contract' for a period ranging from one to five years, depending on the nature of items, volumes involved and the spread over a time frame. The 'Rates' and terms shall be mutually agreed by the buying company and KELTEC/KELTRON. For the period when this Rate Contract is in vogue, the buying company can straightaway procure from KELTEC and KELTRON based on agreed schedule, without having to follow any tendering process. Arrangement currently in practice with DGS&D in this respect may be considered.

8.5 OFB representative has cited synergy between OFB and KELTEC and some of the units of KELTRON and has indicated an option to acquire KELTEC and some units of KELTRON either as subsidiary or direct integration with OFB.

Considering the proposal from Kerala Government to the Central Government for acquiring KELTEC and KELTRON the Government may examine this in details including due diligence.

Use of Coal, Naphtha and Gas by Plants of NTPC

†*215. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation has been using Coal, Naphtha, Gas as a fuel for the generation of electricity;

(b) if so, the number of plants using Naphtha, Gas, Coal as fuel during the current year;

(c) the average electricity generated by the plants of each category along with their generation capacity; and

(d) the average cost of generation of electricity in the plants of each category during the current year, separately?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Details of use of main fuel and alternate fuel by NTPC by various NTPC

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Stations along with their Generation capacities, actual generation and average monthly electricity generation during the year 2004-05 (April to November, 2004) are as under:

(Figures in MUs)

Sl. No.	NTPC Stations	States	Generation Capacity (MW)	Main Fuel	Alternate Fuel	Actual Generation 2004-05 (Till Nov., 04)	Average Monthly generation (Till Nov., 04)
1.	Singrauli	Uttar Pradesh	2000	Coal	—	10243	
2.	Rihand	Uttar Pradesh	1000	Coal	—	5149	
3.	Unchahar	Uttar Pradesh	840	Coal	—	4354	
4.	Tanda	Uttar Pradesh	440	Coal	—	2107	
5.	Korba	Chhattisgarh	2100	Coal	—	10992	10902.375
6.	Vindhyachal	Madhya Pradesh	2260	Coal	—	11523	
7.	Ramagundam	Andhra Pradesh	2600	Coal	—	10579	
8.	Simhadri	Andhra Pradesh	1000	Coal	—	5224	
9.	Farakka	West Bengal	1600	Coal	—	6203	
10.	Kahalgaon	Bihar	840	Coal	—	3981	
11.	Talcher Kaniha	Orissa	2500	Coal	—	10297	
12.	Talcher Thermal	Orissa	460	Coal	—	2113	
13.	Dadri	Uttar Pradesh	840	Coal	—	4454	
14.	Dadri	Uttar Pradesh	817	Natural Gas	HSD	3641	
15.	Anta	Rajasthan	413	Natural Gas	Naphtha	1884	
16.	Auraiya	Uttar Pradesh	652	Natural Gas	Naphtha	2870	1841.125
17.	Faridabad	Haryana	430	Natural Gas	Naphtha	2107	
18.	Kawas	Gujarat	645	Natural Gas	Naphtha	1578	
19.	Jhanor Gandhar	Gujarat	648	Natural Gas	—	2649	
20.	Kayamkulam	Kerala	350	Naphtha	—	139	17.375

(d) The average cost of energy from NTPC stations based on Coal, Natural Gas and Naphtha for the year 2003-04, as per the audited results, is as follows:

Coal — Rs. 1.27/kwh.

Natural Gas	—	Rs. 2.30/kwh.
Naphtha	—	Rs. 3.64/kwh.

ISI operation from Bangladesh and Myanmar

*216. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISI has opened second front against India from Bangladesh and Myanmar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Pakistan ISI has been using Bangladesh for providing material and logistic support to some of the North East insurgent groups. However, there are no reports to indicate ISI involvement in providing assistance to the North East insurgents based in Myanmar.

(c) The Government has already taken up the matter with the Government of Bangladesh.

Dialogue with extremists in North-East

*217. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started any dialogue with extremists in the North-East; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken for the improvement of the situation there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Government is willing to talk to any group that abjures the path of violence. Currently ceasefire/suspension of operations is on with various militant group as under:

Group/Faction	Date of Commencement	Upto	Area Covered
NSCN (I/M)	01.08.1997	31.07.2005	Nagaland